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TAGS: MASS, KU

SUBJ: GOK PURCHASE OF M113A1 SERIES VEHICLES

REF: (A) 76 KUWAIT 4988 (NOTAL), (B) 76 KUWAIT 5691 (NOTAL),

(C) STATE 305432 NOTAL

(D) 76 KUWAIT 5954 (NOTAL),

(E) FMS CASE DA KUWAIT UDU (NOTAL), (F) FMS CASE DA

KUWAIT UDT (NOTAL).

1. INITIAL NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN FMC AND KAF REPS CONCERNING COMMERCIAL PURCHASE OF M113A1 VEHICLES HAVE BEEN COMPLETED. AFTER MUCH KSN INDECISION AS TO EXACTLY WHAT IS DESIRED IN THE WAY OF EQUIPMENT, IT NOW APPEARS THAT THE GOK WISHES TO PURCHASE THE SAME EQUIPMENT (PLUS ADDITIONAL TOW LAUNCHERS) AS DESCRIBED IN THE USG-APPROVED FMS CASE DA KUWAIT UD-(REF E).

2. DURING DISCUSSIONS, FMC REPS STATED THAT FMC COULD SUPPLY THE MAJORITY OF THE EQUIPMENT INCLUDED IN FMS CASE UDU; HOWEVER, THE GOK MUST MAKE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS WITH THE UNCLASSIFIED

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USG FOR:

A. ARAMENT, ARAMENT ACCESSORIES AND SPARE PARTS THEREFOR,

B. AMMUNITION,

C. TECHNICAL MANUALS, AND

D. INSPECTION AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE MATERIAL TO BE DELIVERED UNDER TERMS OF THE COMMERCIAL CONTRACT.

THE KAF REPS WERE ALSO ADVISED THAT THE GOK WOULD BE LIABLE FOR ANY COSTS FOR THE USE OF GOVERNMENT-OWNED FACILITIES AND SPECIAL TOOLING IN PERFORMANCE OF THE CONTRACT, AND A CERTAIN PORTION OF NON-RECURRING COSTS INCURRED IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE EQUIPMENT. THE KAF REPS RESPONDED BY STATING THAT THE GOK DESIRED ALL OF THESE THINGS BE HANDLED UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF AN FMS CASE WITH THE USG.

3. ACCORDING TO FMC, IF THE GOK SIGNS THE CONTRACTS OR LETTER OF INTENT ON OR BEFORE 01 FEB 77, DELIVERIES (FOB SAN JOSE, CA) OF THE ITEMS PURCHASED FROM FMC CAN BE MADE AS FOLLOWS:

- A. 25-M113A1 TYPE VEHICLES WITHIN 5 MONTHS;
- B. THE BALANCE OF ALL VEHICLES (136) AND REPAIR PARTS 15 MONTHS LATER;AND
- C. RADIO EQUIPMENT CONCURRENT WITH VEHICLE DELIVERY.

THE KAF REPS INDICATED THAT THIS DELIVERY SCHEDULE IS ACCEPTABLE AND MEETS KAF REQUIREMENT PERFECTLY.

4. DURING A PRIVATE DISCUSSION WITH CHUSLOK, THE KAF CHIEF OF STAFF (MG MUBARAK) CONFIRMED THAT THE GOK WOULD SIGN A CONTRACT OR LETTER OF INTENT PROVIDED SATISFACTORY ARRANGEMENTS COULD BE MADE WITH THE USG TO FURNISH THOSE ITEMS/SERVICES NOT AVAILABLE FROM FMC. HIS MAIN CONCERN WAS ENSURING THAT THE DELIVERY OF THE WEAPONS AND AMMO CLOSELY COINCIDE WITH THE PROPOSED DELIVERY OF THE FMC-UNCLASSIFIED

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FURNISHED EQUIPMENT (PARA 3 ABOVE). HE COMMENTED THAT THE VEHICLES WOULD BE OF LIMITED VALUE WITHOUT THE WEAPONS AND AMMO. CHUSLOK ACKNOWLEDGED MUBARAK'S COMMENTS AND POINTED OUT THAT, BASED ON THE AVAILABILITY INFORMATION CONTAINED IN REFS E AND F, HE DID NOT KNOW IF THE WEAPONS AND AMMO COULD BE FURNISHED IN THE TIMEFRAMES DESIRED UNLESS SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS WERE MADE. AFTER ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION, MUBARAK ASKED CHUSLOK TO QUERY WASHINGTON TO ASCERTAIN WHAT COULD BE DONE IN THIS REGARD.

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5. BASED ON MUBARAK'S COMMENTS AND DISCUSSION WITH OTHER  
KAF OFFICIALS, THE GOK DESIRES A LOA WHICH INCLUDES (BASIC-  
ALLY AN EXPANSION OF FMS CASES UDU AND UDT):

| ITEM                                                    | QUANTITY |
|---------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| A. MACHINE GUN, CAL .50 M2 HB<br>1005-00-726-5636       | 134      |
| B. EIGHTEEN MONTHS CSP FOR ITEM A                       |          |
| C. MORTAR, 81 MM M29A1<br>1015-00-999-7794              | 12       |
| D. EIGHTEEN MONTHS CSP FO ITEM C                        |          |
| E. LAUNCHER, TUBLAR, GM M220A1<br>1440-00-169-1764      | 14       |
| F. TOOL REFLECTOR GUN BARREL<br>4933-00-556-4255        | 12       |
| G. TOOL WRENCH AND GAGE COMBINATION<br>4933-00-716-0900 | 12       |
| H. TOOL SET DS & GS SUPPORT MAINT<br>UNCLASSIFIED       | 7        |

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| 4933-00-726-5830                                                          |   |
| I. TOOL SET DS & GS SUPPORT MAINT<br>BASIC SMALL ARMS<br>4933-00-775-0366 | 7 |
| J. TOOL SET PURGING FIRE CONTROL<br>ORGANIZATIONAL<br>4931-00-665-1110    | 6 |
| K. TOOL SET F/C GENERAL PURPOSE TOOLS<br>SPECIAL EQUIPMENT                | 1 |

4931-00-574-6433

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| L. CTG, 81MM ILLUM, M301A3 W/M84A1 FUZE                                                                                                                                                        | 612     |
| 1315-C226                                                                                                                                                                                      |         |
| M. FUZE, PROX M532 1390-N402                                                                                                                                                                   | 1200    |
| N. CTG, 81MM HE M374 W/O FUZE                                                                                                                                                                  | 1200    |
| 1315-C236                                                                                                                                                                                      |         |
| O. CTG, 81MM SMOKE, WP M375A2 W/FUZE M524A6                                                                                                                                                    | 912     |
| 1315-C276                                                                                                                                                                                      |         |
| P. CTG, 81MM HE M374A2 W/FUZE                                                                                                                                                                  | 4920    |
| 1315-C256                                                                                                                                                                                      |         |
| Q. CTG, CAL .50 LKD 4APIM8 1AAIPT M20                                                                                                                                                          | 469,000 |
| 1305-A576 (COMBAT RD)                                                                                                                                                                          |         |
| R. CTG, CAL .50 LKD 4 BALL 1 TR                                                                                                                                                                | 142,040 |
| S. USG INSPECTION AND ACCEPTANCE OF MATERIAL<br>DELIVERED UNDER FMC CONTRACT                                                                                                                   |         |
| T. USE OF GOVERNMENT-OWNED FACILITIES AND<br>SPECIAL TOOLING IN THE PERFORMANCE OF THE<br>FMC CONTRACT AND OTHER NON-RECURRING COSTS<br>INCURRED IN THE DEVELOPEMENT OF MILITARY<br>EQUIPMENT. |         |

6. AS TO THE POSSIBLE PROBLEM OF THE DELIVERY OF WEAPONS  
AND AMMO TO COINCIDE WITH THE DELIVERY OF THE FMC FURNISHED  
VEHICLES, MUBARAK HAS INDICATED THAT HE WOULD BE SATISFIED  
IF THE USG CAN MEET THE FOLLOWING DELIVERY SCHEDULE:

A. INCOUNTRY NLT SEP 77:  
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- (1) 35-MACHINE GUNS, CAL .50
- (2) 50,000 RDS CTG, CAL .50 (1315-A576)
- (3) 30,000 RDS CTG, CAL .50 (1315-A577)

B. IN COUNTRY NLT JUN 78: THE REMAINDER OF ALL WEAPONS,  
AMMO, CSP, TOOLS, AND TOOL SETS, INCLUDED IN THE PROPOSED  
FMS CASE (PARA 5 ABOVE).

7. ACTION REQUESTED: IF THERE IS TO BE ANY POSSIBILITY OF  
THE GOK AND FMC FINALIZING NEGOTIATIONS PRIOR TO 01 FEB 77,  
THE GOK NEEDS ANSWERS TO THE FOLLOSING QUESTIONS NLT 24 JAN 77:

- A. WILL THE USG PROVIDE THE EQUIPMENT AS INDICATED IN  
PARA 5 ABOVE? IF SO,
- B. CAN DOD MEET THE DELIVERY SCHEDULES AND IN THE QUANTITIES  
DESIRED AS PROPOSED BY MG MUBARAK (PARA 6 ABOVE)?  
IF NOT, WHAT IS THE BEST DOD CAN DO TO MEET THE PROPOSED  
SCHEDULE?
- C. WHAT WILL BE THE TOTAL ESTIMATED COST OF THE LOA?

8. COMMENT: EMBASSY HOPES THAT DOD CAN FURNISH THE DESCRIBED

EQUIPMENT IN THE QUANTITIES AND AS CLOSE TO THE PROPOSED  
DELIVERY SCHEDULE AS POSSIBLE. OTHERWISE, THE CONSIDERABLE  
EFFORTS AMBASSADOR HAS UNDERTAKEN TO ASSIST THE GOK TO OBTAIN  
EARLY DELIVERY OF THESE APC'S COMMERCIALY WHEN THEY WERE NOT  
AVAILABLE THAT SOON UNDER FMS WILL BE NEGATED TO HIS EMBARRASSMENT  
VIS-A-VIS THE GOK. IT IS HARD TO IMAGINE THAT STANDARD ITEMS  
SUCH AS 50 CALIBER MACHINE GUNS, MORTARS AND AMMUNITION THEREFOR  
WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE IN THE SMALL QUANTITIES REQUESTED. REQUEST  
THAT DOD MAKE EVERY POSSIBLE EFFORT TO MEET GOK'S REQUESTS IN  
THIS CONNECTION.  
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